

MIAMI COUNTY COUNCIL
25 NORTH BROADWAY
PERU, INDIANA 46970
July 21, 2015

Councilman Manning – Present
Councilwoman Harp – Present
Councilman Boyer – Present
Councilman Wood – Present
Councilman Wiles – Present
Councilwoman Mull – Present
Councilman Duckwall – Present

Council President Ralph Duckwall called the meeting to order.

Councilman Wiles led the group in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Duckwall stated that next year will mark the Bi-centennial celebration for the State.

MINUTES

Councilman Manning made a motion to approve the June 16, 2015 minutes. Councilwoman Harp 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION/TRANSFERS

PROSECUTOR/DEFERRAL

The Prosecutor asked for an additional appropriation of \$20,000 for public safety items. There was no one from the Prosecutor's office at the meeting to explain exactly what it was going to be used for. Councilman Manning made a motion to hold until next month. Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

HIGHWAY

Commissioner Francis explained that the \$2,351 is being requested to pay out comp time for the Highway Supervisor. The Supervisor has tried to use it but has not been able to. This amount will bring him down to around 80 hours that is allowed in the personnel policy (for the highway). Councilwoman Mull made a motion to allow. Councilman Wiles 2nd the motion and it passed 7 – 0.

CUM COURTHOUSE

Commissioner Francis explained that the Commissioners knew last November that they would need to come back for an additional appropriation sometime this year due to the increased cost of IT services. The balance of that contract for the rest of 2015 is \$103,260. The Commissioners hired Intrasect to fix the IT issues we were having. The Commissioners have also agreed to purchase the Becker-Mock building for \$30,000 and will need another \$15,000 to tear down and make another parking lot for County employees.

Councilwoman Harp asked about repairs to correct the issues we had with the servers last year. Commissioner Francis stated that IT has replaced most of the servers.

Councilman Wood asked what fund they are asking the appropriation from. Commissioner Francis stated they are asking out of Cum Courthouse.

Councilman Boyer made a motion to approve. Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

SOLID WASTE

Samantha St. John, Solid Waste Director, explained that Solid Waste has a need to purchase a building. Currently there are only 64 days a year they can do collections but with a building of their own, they could collect every day. Solid Waste would like to purchase 2651 W Logansport Road, east of Doane Keys. The building was built in 2012 and is 4,000 square feet.

Solid Waste has been able to save a large amount of money, which is in a CD account.

Pat Roberts, Attorney for Solid Waste, has been able to collect \$119,000 in just unpaid Solid Waste fees.

Samantha explained that if they are able to get the Solid Waste bills on the tax bills, she wouldn't need to hire any part time office help, because the work would be shifted to the Auditor's office and the money collected in the Treasurer's office. They would only need part time warehouse help. Mrs. St John explained they have not finalized putting the Solid Waste bill on the property tax bill, which is why she has not spoken to the Auditor about it yet.

Even though the Solid Waste Department is not a part of County Government, the law requires the County's fiscal body to approve additional appropriations for that department.

Councilman Boyer made a motion to approve the additional appropriation. Councilman Manning 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

MCEDA/YMCA

Jim Tidd, MCEDA, addressed the Council regarding the building of a new YMCA. Mr. Tidd explained that he is not looking for any action to be taken tonight but wanted to inform the Council of the plan to request money to be appropriated for the project out of the C.E.D.I.T. funds because he believes that quality of life is important to industries looking for communities to locate in. Mr. Tidd introduced Mark Demchak of the YMCA.

Mr. Demchak explained that the current YMCA was built in 1902 and clearly does not meet the needs of today. They would like to construct a 69,000 square foot building at a cost of 12.4 million dollars, to be built behind the old Big R building. The request would be for \$100,000 a year for five years for a total sum of \$500,000 from the County. They are asking the City for the same amount.

Councilman Manning thanked them for coming and said he would support the County donating \$500,000 for the project.

Councilwoman Mull asked if the Washington Street extension would be used. Mr. Demchak stated that it would go right to the new building.

The YMCA is sustained by:

- 1) membership fees
- 2) program fees
- 3) Contributions

Mr. Tidd feels there is plenty of C.E.D.I.T. money for this and his other projects.

COMMUNITY OF MIAMI SEWER PROJECT

Matt Brennan asked if the Council could table appointing a new Board member until the September Council meeting. Council agreed to table until next month.

Mr. Brennan updated the Council regarding the flooding in Miami. The Engineering Firm brought in ground penetrating radar but could not locate the problem. The next step is to go to the Board of Commissioners and ask for their help.

REQUEST FOR AUDIENCE

None

COMMITTEE UPDATE

Ethan Manning reported that he and Councilman Boyer went the Council Conference and received some valuable information.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

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Councilwoman Mill made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Wiles 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

Respectfully submitted

Jane Lilley

Miami County Auditor